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CSR Launches New Web Site for Reports on the Center's Peer Review Assessments

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) now has a Web site where it will post our latest evaluations of peer review practices piloted or implemented by the Center: <http://www.csr.nih.gov/EvaluationReports/>.

Reports on the following practices are currently available online:

- Transformative Research (T-R01) Program Reviews
- Asynchronous Electronic Discussion Meetings

CSR will post the results of other evaluations as they are available as part of our commitment to enhance our peer review efforts in accord with the trans-NIH initiative to enhance the NIH peer review and grants systems.

CSR also collaborates with our NIH colleagues in supporting this trans-NIH initiative and related efforts to assess changes to the NIH peer review and grants systems. During the months of October and November, an independent research organization (RTI International) will survey reviewers and applicants using two online questionnaires. Randomly selected reviewers and applicants will be invited by mail and e-mail to share their opinions about changes implemented by NIH as part of the Enhancing Peer Review Initiative. News and information on this initiative are posted on the following Web site: <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/>.

We are very grateful for all those who participate in these efforts. CSR and NIH assessments are critical to evaluating peer review practices and policies and will help to further enrich the NIH peer review process.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

NIH — the Nation's Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.